

Report to the NRP Policy Board

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DATE: March 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA)/Southside United Neighborhoods (SUN) Neighborhood Priority Plan

Action Requested:

Approve the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan for the Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Corcoran, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, Hiawatha, Powderhorn and Standish-Ericsson neighborhoods, and transmit the Plan for approval by the Minneapolis City Council

Attached is the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan for Policy Board review and action. This has been developed and approved by the Bancroft Neighborhood Association, Bryant Neighborhood Organization, Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Longfellow Community Council, PPNA and Standish-Ericsson Boards.

The Community Participation Program (CPP) guidelines state that the goal of Neighborhood Priority Plans is to identify major initiatives for the neighborhood organization, and to communicate neighborhood priorities to the City and other jurisdictional partners. Neighborhood Priority Plans must be developed and adopted through a thorough neighborhood participation process. A plan identifies preliminary neighborhood priorities and potential partners. The plan can identify, preserve and build on the existing assets and positive qualities of a neighborhood, or identify opportunities or problems to be addressed. Plans can be as simple or as comprehensive as the neighborhood organization desires, covering a single issue, or several. These plans can be used as a way to focus discussion and marshal resources to deal with neighborhood issues or plan for improvements.

Over the past few months, the SUN neighborhoods, boards and staff have created a list of policy objectives impacting the entire South Minneapolis area. In October, the SUN Project selected three agenda items for 2013-2014 based on organization capacity, neighborhood need and feasibility.

SUN Project Priority Agenda Items

- **Multi-Family Housing**
Assess and improve multifamily housing and to equip and activate its tenants. Access governmental and nonprofit resources to improve the quality of housing in our neighborhoods;
- **Programmatic Equity from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MRPB)**
Address a decline in MPRB responsiveness to our community's demographic changes and desires for programming as well as cutbacks to park hours, program offerings and maintenance; and
- **Property Inspections**
Improve responsiveness of the City's Property Inspections work and communication.

In the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan, the neighborhood organizations identified and agreed upon the following goals:

1. Establish and nourish a connection with Public Works in order to obtain the information that Nicollet East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA) needs in a timely manner;
2. Encourage Public Works to be more pro-active in their communications and outreach not only on this project, but with all projects and partnerships;
3. Maintain communication with the Hennepin County representatives to ensure the continued availability of REPP grant funds which would otherwise expire at the end of 2013; and
4. Work with Public Works and the Minneapolis City Council to loosen the restrictions on a specific date to establish a special service district (SSD).

In addition to identifying their goals for implementation, this Neighborhood Priority Plan identifies some of the barriers neighborhood organizations have faced towards accomplishing these goals.

In accordance with the policy on *Preparation and Processing of Neighborhood Priority Plans* (March 22, 2013), the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan was sent to jurisdictional staff for review, comment and commitment to work towards the agreed upon goals.

Based on my review of the Neighborhood Priority Plan, I recommend that the Policy Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: On July 19, 2012 the NCR Director, in accordance with the CPP guidelines, approved the Community Participation Plan for Kenny Neighborhood Association, including \$5,000 set aside for Neighborhood Priorities;

WHEREAS: On August 20, 2012 the NCR Director, in accordance with the CPP guidelines, approved the Community Participation Plan for Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association, including \$7,255 set aside for Neighborhood Priorities;

WHEREAS: On August 30, 2012 the NCR Director, in accordance with the CPP guidelines, approved the Community Participation Plan for Tangletown Neighborhood Association, including \$9,722 set aside for Neighborhood Priorities;

WHEREAS: On September 28, 2012 the NCR Director, in accordance with the CPP guidelines, approved the Community Participation Plan for Windom Community Council, including \$26,621.64 set aside for Neighborhood Priorities;

WHEREAS: The four neighborhood organizations have conducted a community engagement process as identified in the approved 2012 Community Participation Plan, leading to neighborhood approval of support for the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan as a neighborhood priority;

WHEREAS: The Kenny Neighborhood Phase 2 Neighborhood Action Plan, the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Phase 2 Plan, and the Tangletown Neighborhood Phase 2 have strategies related to implementation of the South Lyndale Corridor Master Plan, and have dedicate funds to that purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the NCR Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the PPNA/SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan and [b] authorizes the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activity above.